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SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE OF SHAH'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. IRANIAN MEDIA PROVIDING VERY BROAD COVERAGE OF VISIT BY SHAH AND EMPRESS TO U.S. INCLUDING SEVERAL DIRECT TELECASTS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES. LEAD ARTICLES HAVE STRESSED MUTUAL CONCERN FOR MID-EAST STALEMATE, OIL MATTERS, SHAH'S POSITION ON PERSIAN GULF SECURITY, SHAH'S SUPPORT FOR U.S. RECOVERY OF MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW, SENATOR MCGOVERN'S BACKING FOR SHAH'S INDEXING SCHEME AND EMPRESS' STATEMENT ON GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS.

2. SHAH'S MEET THE PRESS INTERVIEW GIVEN MAJOR PLAY MAY 19, INCLUDING PREDICTION OF HIGHER OIL PRICE IN SEPTEMBER, BLAMING OF ISRAEL FOR NOT BEING MORE COOPERATIVE DURING SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY PERIOD, CALL FOR REMOVAL OF FOREIGN BASES IN PERSIAN GULF, AND HIS PREDICTION THAT IRANIAN IMPORTS FROM U.S. WOULD REACH \$20 BILLION IN NEXT FIVE YEARS. ON DOMESTIC SCENE, ONLY KAYHAN/INTERNATIONAL FEATURED SHAH'S COMMENTS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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6,700 PEOPLE HAD APPLIED AS CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION IN THE POPULAR RESURGENCE PARTY OF THE PEOPLE OF IRAN AND THAT THERE WERE NOT 40,000 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN IRANIAN JAILS AS ALLEGED BE QUESTIONERS, BUT RATHER SOME 3,000

PEOPLE ARRESTED FOR TERRORISM.

3. EDITORIALS AGREE ON IMPORTANCE OF VISIT AND USE
OPPORTUNITY FOR RESTATEMENT OF WELL-KNOWN IRANIAN POSITION
ON OIL PRICES IN WAKE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S KANSAS
CITY ADDRESS. SEMI-OFFICIAL KAYHAN PERCEIVES TWO POINTS
IN KISSINGER SPEECH WORTHY OF FURTHER ATTENTION: U. S.
READINESS TO WORK FOR ANOTHER PREPARATORY MEETING FOR A
WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE AND U.S. DISPOSITION TO DISCUSS
COMMODITY PRICE STABILITY ON A COMMODITY-BY COMMODITY
BASIS. EDITORIAL SPECULATES THAT SHAH'S VISIT MAY PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPLORATION OF ANY NEW AMERICAN
PROPOSALS ON ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS. TEHRAN JOURNAL
EDITORIAL MAY 19 HIGHLIGHTS SHAH'S CALL FOR PERSIAN GULF
FREE OF SUPERPOWERS, NOTING THAT FOR FIRST TIME IN MODERN
HISTORY IRAN, IRAQ, AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE DECIDED TO
PUT ASIDE PAST DIFFERENCES AND CONCENTRATE ON ENHANCING
SECURITY OR REGION.
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